

**WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**March 10, 2016**

District Office Board Room  
435 Sixth Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:

Present:

Sam Blanco III  
Morgan Childers  
Michael Pyeatt  
Cirenio Rodriguez  
Tania Tafoya  
Tico Zendejas

Absent:

Elaine Lytle

Updated Attendance:

Elaine Lytle was updated to present at: 6:08 PM  
Tico Zendejas was updated to absent at: 6:44 PM  
Tico Zendejas was updated to present at: 6:46 PM  
Cirenio Rodriguez was updated to absent at: 6:54 PM  
Cirenio Rodriguez was updated to present at: 6:57 PM  
Tico Zendejas was updated to absent at: 7:21 PM  
Tico Zendejas was updated to present at: 7:22 PM  
Tania Tafoya was updated to absent at: 7:35 PM  
Tania Tafoya was updated to present at: 7:38 PM  
Tania Tafoya was updated to absent at: 8:33 PM  
Cirenio Rodriguez was updated to absent at: 8:54 PM  
Cirenio Rodriguez was updated to present at: 8:56 PM  
Morgan Childers was updated to absent at: 9:04 PM  
Morgan Childers was updated to present at: 9:06 PM  
Tico Zendejas was updated to absent at: 9:18 PM  
Tico Zendejas was updated to present at: 9:20 PM

**A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M.**

Minutes:

President Blanco III called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

**B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Michael Pyeatt and a second by Tania Tafoya.

Yes Sam Blanco III

Yes Morgan Childers  
Absent Elaine Lytle  
Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Yes Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

### **C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Minutes:

The Board President announced the items on the Closed Session agenda. No one came forward when the Board President requested comments on the Closed Session agenda items.

### **D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Minutes:

The Board recessed at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:30 p.m.

#### **D.1. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54957**

##### **D.1.a. Resolution 36-16: Non-Reelection of Temporary/Long Term Substitute Certificated Employees**

#### **D.2. Conference With Labor Negotiator, Mr. Tom Pritchard: WEA, and/or CSEA, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6**

#### **D.3. Annual Evaluation of District Employee: Superintendent's Goals and Objectives, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

### **E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes:

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

#### **E.1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **E.2. Announcement of any action taken in Closed Session or items to be approved in Open Session that were reviewed in Closed Session**

Minutes:

The Board President announced that the Board of Trustees voted in Closed Session to approve Resolution 36-16: Non-Reelection of Temporary/Long Term Substitute Certificated Employees, by the following vote:

Yes Sam Blanco III  
Yes Morgan Childers

- Yes Elaine Lytle
- Yes Michael Pyeatt
- Yes Cirenio Rodriguez
- Yes Tania Tafoya
- Yes Tico Zendejas

The Board President also announced that they will resume Closed Session after the conclusion of Open Session.

## **F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **F.1. Class Act Scholar Award: Prairie Elementary School**

Minutes:

Prairie Elementary School Principal Scott Clary shared Prairie Elementary School highlights. He also presented the Class Act Scholar Award to the following Prairie Students Hannah Eddy, Daphne Munoz Montes, Frances Porto-Mason. President Blanco III presented the students with certificates of recognition.

### **F.2. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Dr. Maria Armstrong shared information regarding the following items during her report:

- She shared samples of necklaces and bracelets that Gibson ES awards students with perfect attendance.
- She announced that she is accepting applications for her College & Career Readiness Scholarship until April 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be awarding three \$500 scholarships, one senior per high school.
- She shared that the 4<sup>th</sup> and last Superintendent Community Forum of the school year will be on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Douglass MS Multipurpose Room.
- She recognized Cache Creek HS Student Hector Abonce for his student improvements.
- She thanked Mr. Guillermo Villavicencio for donating GED books to Adult Education.
- She thanked the following people and companies for their donations to the school district: Target, Alfonso Anaya, Chroma Salon & Christina E. Zickler, Marie L. Muller, Joe Muller & Sons, Keck Trust, Miguel Reynoso, Leticia & Rogelio Villagrana, Brian Ash, Pioneer HS PTA.
- She shared that parent Roxanne Grijalva emailed her to thank the district for their support of the music program. Ms. Grijalva also expressed that her son has had memorable experiences in Honor Band, and it has been an honor and a pleasure to see his musical growth.
- She shared information about the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Assoc. vs. CDE Notice of Disclosure of Student Records lawsuit.

## **G. PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD**

Minutes:

Woodland High School Students Alex Trotter, Onica, and Roshelle addressed the Board regarding their support for bleacher seating for their graduation, and their concerns if seating

is limited per student. They shared comments from other Woodland HS students containing a list of people that would not be able to attend the graduation ceremony if seating was limited per student.

Douglas Someya Reed requested a future agenda item to review Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1100: *Communication With the Public*. He also addressed the Board regarding his concerns with the purchase order for HMC Architects, as well as his concerns with the presentation for the item titled 'Review Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): Implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)'.

Karen Bayne addressed the Board regarding her concerns with bullying. She also expressed her concerns with a potential bond, and shared her social media popularity.

Pioneer High School Teacher David Bayne addressed the Board regarding his views of opportunity cost.

Yolo County Taxpayers Association Member Mark Mezger thanked Trustees Sam Blanco III, Elaine Lytle, and Tico Zendejas, Assistant Superintendent Lewis Wiley, and Director Nick Baral for hosting a tour of schools for a group of approximately twelve community members, which included several contractors. He encouraged community members to tour the schools. He shared that they saw that there are real facility needs, and he had hope that the community could help by working together. As a first step, he recommended the formation of a facilities assessment committee, composed of community members, to assess the facility needs.

## **H. REPORTS**

### **H.1. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)**

Minutes:

WEA President Bobby Rogers was not present at the meeting.

### **H.2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Minutes:

CSEA President Wayne Harris reported that the Association and the District reached a tentative agreement for this school year the previous week. He thanked Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Tom Pritchard, Director of Operations Danyel Conolley, and the Human Resources Staff for their hard work. He also recognized CSEA Negotiations Committee Chair Cindy Rogers for her several years of hard work for CSEA. He shared that unit members will be voting on the tentative agreement the following week, and they do not expect any issues. The tentative agreement will be on the next Board Meeting agenda for approval. He reminded the Board Members that they are invited to attend the next CSEA Chapter Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Staff Room.

### **H.3. Report from Student Board Members**

Minutes:

Cache Creek High School Student Board Member Carolina Gutierrez reported that they have 24 graduates to date. An Art Institute representative recently visited the

CCHS Art Class, and they enjoyed listening to the possibilities that The Art Institute has to offer. Students will be taking a field trip soon to visit The Art Institute. CCHS parents recently began the 12-week Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) Program. Students attended the “Be the Change” Conference at the Yolo County Office of Education on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Gutierrez shared that she was unable to attend the conference because she was on a student panel regarding educational adversity experiences in high school at the California African American Superintendents Conference.

Pioneer High School Student Board Member Sukhi Chima reported that they had FFA Week at the end of February, which included spirit week, and tractor rides at lunch. ASB elections are currently underway, and Class elections will follow. She shared that students are relieved to know that their principal is staying. ASB has PI Day activities planned for students. Seniors are currently receiving acceptance letters from colleges. Junior prom will be held that Saturday, and the theme is Fire and Ice. The Desi Club will be holding a Desi Week that will include Desi cultural related activities, such as Henna Day, a food contest, a fashion show, and a Holi Day Color Festival.

Woodland High School Alternate Student Board Member Isaac Duran reported that Link Crew has started accepting applications for the following school year. The annual MEChA Dance will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. ASB is hosting a Blood Drive on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the gym, and all are welcomed to donate blood. He shared that he is a member of the Swim Team, and they recently competed and won against River Valley. Their Soccer Team recently placed second at the Cal Spring Soccer Tournament. FFA held their annual game of “Donkey Basketball” the previous week, and they won against Esparto High School.

#### **H.4. Report from Board Members**

Minutes:

Trustee Rodriguez reported that:

- He visited Tafoya ES, Beamer ES, and Woodland HS.
- He announced that the City of Woodland is hosting a Cesar Chavez Celebration on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and everyone is welcomed to attend.
- He announced that there will be a Día de los Niños Celebration the following month.
- He shared that Beamer ES will be hosting a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Beamer.
- He expressed that he agreed with the public comment about weighing decisions regarding the budget and considering the consequences. He stated that when budgets cuts had to be made in the past, the Board at the time decided to cut away from student programs, and as a result, the facilities suffered. He shared that he is looking forward to working with the Yolo County Taxpayers Association regarding a possible bond, and he is interested in ideas to make it a reality.
- He shared that he is attending a Chicano Studies Conference in Denver at the end of the month, and that he teaches Chicano Studies courses. He listed the names of Ethnic Studies courses, and expressed that he is looking forward to various Ethnic Studies course options for high school students.

Trustee Tafoya reported that:

- She congratulated the three Prairie ES students for starting an Anti-Bullying Club.
- She attended the Read Across America event at Gibson ES.
- She apologized for having to leave early that evening due to her baby being sick.

Trustee Pyeatt reported that:

- He thanked the public comment speakers for sharing their comments.
- He congratulated the three Prairie ES students for starting an Anti-Bullying Club.
- He attended the STE@M MasterMind Program graduation ceremony. Fourteen female students graduated from the program.
- He participated in the Geography Bee as a judge.
- He attended the District Finance Committee Meeting prior to the Board Meeting that day to review the Interim Financial Report.
- He attended some site visits.
- He attended the new Spring Lake School Program Committee meeting the previous day.

Trustee Lytle reported that:

- She thanked Yolo County Taxpayers Association Member Mark Mezger for attending the tour of schools, and she shared that he reported what she was going to say. She expressed that she enjoyed doing the tours with Trustees Blanco III and Zendejas. She commended Director Nick Baral for doing a great job on the tour, and she also thanked Assistant Superintendent Lewis Wiley for attending.

Trustee Zendejas reported that:

- He thanked the public comment speakers for sharing their comments, especially the students. He asserted that the Board did not say they were going to limit the number of attendees at the Woodland HS graduation. He stated that he would take responsibility for the misunderstanding, and he will make more of an effort to be more clear in the future. He declared that Daily Democrat Reporter Tommy McCormick does a great job reporting the district news, and he never reported that the Board would be limiting the number of attendees for graduation. He stated that it was never their intention to limit the number of attendees.
- He thanked Director Nick Baral for handling the questions during the tour of the schools with the Yolo County Taxpayers Association Members, and he also thanked Assistant Superintendent Lewis Wiley for joining them. He shared that they discussed having a preventative maintenance plan during the tour, and he recommends that the district create and fund the plan. He shared an example of dry rot at Pioneer HS, and he stated that a preventative plan would be effective to prevent those types of issues from happening.

Trustee Blanco III reported that:

- He proclaimed that his report will stay student-centered because that is what he is about.
- He attended College Day at Freeman ES and he commended the teachers for hosting the event.

- He also attended the STE@M MasterMind Program graduation ceremony.
- He attended the Prairie Site Visit with Trustee Childers and Superintendent Armstrong, and he thanked Principal Scott Clary for hosting them.
- He attended the Choir Concert, and it was well done.
- He shared that he was very proud of his daughter for designing the background for the Pioneer HS Prom.
- He shared that seniors that applied to attend UC Davis will be hearing from them soon, and he wished the students good luck.
- He shared that he will be awarding four \$500 scholarships to students to pursue their college education.

## I. BOARD ACTION

### I.1. Business Services

#### I.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 14-16

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 14-16. Passed with a motion by Cirenio Rodriguez and a second by Tania Tafoya.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
 Yes Morgan Childers  
 Yes Elaine Lytle  
 Yes Michael Pyeatt  
 Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
 Yes Tania Tafoya  
 Yes Tico Zendejas

#### I.1.b. Approve Certification of the Second Period Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2016

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the Certification of the Second Period Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2016. Passed with a motion by Cirenio Rodriguez and a second by Michael Pyeatt.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
 Yes Morgan Childers  
 Yes Elaine Lytle  
 Yes Michael Pyeatt  
 Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
 Yes Tania Tafoya  
 Yes Tico Zendejas

#### I.1.c. Approve Additional Custodial Staffing

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the restoration of 5.4 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Custodial Staff. Passed with a motion by Tico Zendejas and a second by Elaine Lytle.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
 Yes Morgan Childers  
 Yes Elaine Lytle

Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Yes Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

#### **I.1.d. Approve Addition of Two Portable Classrooms at Woodland Prairie Elementary School for Dual Immersion Expansion**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the purchase of Two Reconditioned Portable Classrooms for Dual Immersion Expansion at Woodland Prairie Elementary School from Mobile Modular at a cost of \$102,142. Passed with a motion by Cirenio Rodriguez and a second by Tico Zendejas.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
Yes Morgan Childers  
Yes Elaine Lytle  
Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Yes Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

#### **I.1.e. Approve Temporary Seating Option for the 2016 Woodland High School Graduation**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the following items for the 2016 Woodland High School Graduation:

- Rental of 3,600 chairs from United Party Rental at a cost of \$3,850
- Purchase of 6 bleachers from Aluminum Seating Co., comprised of 4 rows high, 21' long with a Seating Capacity of 300 seats, at a cost of \$11,058
- Purchase of a mobile stage 24'x16' from Wenger Corporation, which includes guardrails, stair with rails, and drapery set, at a cost of \$71,219.

Passed with a motion by Elaine Lytle and a second by Michael Pyeatt.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
Yes Morgan Childers  
Yes Elaine Lytle  
Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Yes Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

### **I.2. Educational Services**

#### **I.2.a. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Yolo County Office of Education and Woodland Joint Unified School District to Implement Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, Math (STREAM) Grant Goals and Objectives**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Yolo County Office of Education and Woodland Joint



Unified School District to Implement Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, Math (STREAM) Grant Goals and Objectives. Passed with a motion by Cirenio Rodriguez and a second by Morgan Childers.

Yes Sam Blanco III

Yes Morgan Childers

Yes Elaine Lytle

Yes Michael Pyeatt

Yes Cirenio Rodriguez

Absent Tania Tafoya

Yes Tico Zendejas

**I.2.b. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Galt Joint Unified School District as Local Educational Agency for the Central Region Agricultural Education Career Pathways Consortium, California Career Pathways Trust Grantee, and Woodland High School/Woodland Joint Unified School District**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Galt Joint Unified School District as Local Educational Agency for the Central Region Agricultural Education Career Pathways Consortium, California Career Pathways Trust Grantee, and Woodland High School/Woodland Joint Unified School District. Passed with a motion by Elaine Lytle and a second by Tico Zendejas.

Yes Sam Blanco III

Yes Morgan Childers

Yes Elaine Lytle

Yes Michael Pyeatt

Yes Cirenio Rodriguez

Absent Tania Tafoya

Yes Tico Zendejas

**I.3. Superintendent's Office**

**I.3.a. Approve 2016 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominee for Subregion 6-A (Yolo County) Trustee Susan Lovenburg of the Davis Joint USD**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve 2016 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nominee for Subregion 6-A (Yolo County) Trustee Susan Lovenburg of the Davis Joint USD. Passed with a motion by Cirenio Rodriguez and a second by Tico Zendejas.

Yes Sam Blanco III

Yes Morgan Childers

Yes Elaine Lytle

Yes Michael Pyeatt

Yes Cirenio Rodriguez

Absent Tania Tafoya

Yes Tico Zendejas

## **J. INFORMATION**

### **J.1. Business Services**

#### **J.1.a. Review Potential Purchase Orders 15-16**

##### **J.1.a.I. 161505 - Sierra School Equipment Co.**

Minutes:

The item 'Review Potential Purchase Orders 15-16: 161505 - Sierra School Equipment Co.' was presented by Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Nick Baral.

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to move Information item 'J.3.a. Report from Woodland Public Library's Teen Advisory Board' before Information item 'J.1.a.II. Review Potential Purchase Orders 15-16: 161504 - HMC Architects.' Passed with a motion by Tico Zendejas and a second by Elaine Lytle.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
Yes Morgan Childers  
Yes Elaine Lytle  
Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Absent Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

### **J.3. Superintendent's Office**

#### **J.3.a. Report from Woodland Public Library's Teen Advisory Board**

Minutes:

The item 'Report from Woodland Public Library's Teen Advisory Board' was presented by Teen Services Librarian Rhea Fabricante from the City of Woodland Public Library, as well as students on the Teen Advisory Board, in a PowerPoint presentation.

### **J.1. Business Services**

#### **J.1.a. Review Potential Purchase Orders 15-16**

##### **J.1.a.II. 161504 - HMC Architects**

Minutes:

The item 'Review Potential Purchase Orders 15-16: 161504 - HMC Architects' was presented by Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Nick Baral.

##### **J.1.a.III. 161211 - The Speech Therapy Garden**

Minutes:

The item 'Review Potential Purchase Orders 15-16: 161211 - The

Speech Therapy Garden' was presented.

### **J.1.b. Review Plans for New Elementary School in the Spring Lake Area**

Public Comment:

Attorney Jay Harris from Pioneer Law Group LLP shared that his client is Spring Lake Development. He stated that although they are excited that the district is moving forward with the new school in the Spring Lake area, they have some concerns, and he distributed a correspondence with specific details about their concerns.

Minutes:

The item 'Review Plans for New Elementary School in the Spring Lake Area' was presented by designer Arturo Levenfeld from HMC Architects in a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Levenfeld also showed a video rendering of the school design.

### **J.1.c. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Enrollment Report for the 2015-16 Year (Written Report)**

Minutes:

The item 'Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Enrollment Report for the 2015-16 Year' was presented as a written report.

## **J.2. Educational Services**

### **J.2.a. Review Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): Implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**

Minutes:

The item 'Review Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): Implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)' was presented by Director of Pupil Services Giovanni Linares in a PowerPoint presentation.

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to extend the meeting to 9:45 p.m. Passed with a motion by Elaine Lytle and a second by Michael Pyeatt.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
Yes Morgan Childers  
Yes Elaine Lytle  
Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Absent Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

## **J.3. Superintendent's Office**

### **J.3.b. Board Self-Evaluation Progress Report**

Minutes:

Trustee Tico Zendejas stated that he agrees with the Board's Governance Goals approved by the Board on November 12, 2015. He shared that

although there is always room for improvement, the district as a whole is striving to continue to improve. He also expressed that he thinks the Board is doing well, and they are sticking to the five goals.

## **K. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. Passed with a motion by Michael Pyeatt and a second by Elaine Lytle.

Yes Sam Blanco III  
Yes Morgan Childers  
Yes Elaine Lytle  
Yes Michael Pyeatt  
Yes Cirenio Rodriguez  
Absent Tania Tafoya  
Yes Tico Zendejas

### **K.1. Business Services**

#### **K.1.a. Approve Gifts to the District**

### **K.2. Human Resources**

#### **K.2.a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 16-14**

#### **K.2.b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 16-14**

### **K.3. Superintendent's Office**

#### **K.3.a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:**

##### **K.3.a.i. February 25, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting**

## **L. TRUSTEE COMMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE BOARD ITEMS**

Minutes:

There were no requests for future Board meeting items. .

## **M. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

Minutes:

March 24, 2016 - Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for Open Session.

## **N. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

The Board recessed at 9:31 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 9:33 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 10:05 p.m.

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 10:06 p.m.

The Board President announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

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BOARD CLERK

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BOARD PRESIDENT